

## Alexandria Gazette.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUNE 29.

## LOCAL NEWS.

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## CITY COUNCIL.

The last regular meeting of the present City Council was held last night.

## IN THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Mr. Strauss, from the Committee on Light, presented the annual report of the operations of the Gas Works for the past fiscal year, which shows an increase in the net profits of the institution of more than \$800 over those of last year. Mr. S. made a lucid statement of the affairs of the works. The report was approved and ordered to be printed.

The President, Mr. Downham, then presented the report of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund for the year ending May 31, 1887, which was also approved and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Strauss offered a resolution that the Auditor be directed to issue his warrant in favor of Jacob Roxbury for the sum of \$60. The resolution was signed by the Committee on Light, and Mr. Strauss in presenting it spoke in complimentary terms of the manner in which Mr. Roxbury had conducted the affairs of the Gas Works during his incumbency, having at the present time but \$341 of uncollected bills in his hands. Some months ago the salary of the Superintendent of Gas had been increased, but as Mr. R. would go out of office in a few days he would reap no benefit from the increase. He, therefore, thought it proper to make the appropriation asked for in the resolution.

Mr. Leadbeater opposed the resolution, as did also Mr. Burke, both considering it a bad precedent, as other officers of the city about to relinquish their trusts could with equal propriety ask for additional compensation.

Upon a vote being taken Messrs. Strauss, Smith and Bryant voted in the affirmative, and Messrs. Burke, Leadbeater and Mr. President in the negative, and the resolution was declared lost.

Mr. Bryant, from the Committee on Streets, introduced an ordinance providing for the numbering of the houses of the city on the decimal system and for the painting of the names of the streets on the gas lamps, or where there are no lamp posts to affix the names to houses at street intersections.

The ordinance, after some conversational debate, was passed with an amendment, offered by Mr. Smith, that the consent of property owners be first obtained before the names of streets shall be affixed to their houses.

Mr. Leadbeater presented a petition of several citizens praying Council to enact a law compelling the Alexandria and Washington Railroad Company to place a flagman at the intersection of Prince and Henry streets and Prince and Fayette streets in conjunction with those at Duke and Henry and Duke and Fayette streets.

Mr. Smith hoped the petition would be referred to the Committee on Streets, as by the time they reported on the matter he would cease to be a member of the board. The speaker was attorney for the railroad company, and would certainly not vote to trammel the company unnecessarily. It had already acceded to the request of Council by stationing two flagmen at street crossings at a cost of about \$600 per annum, and should another be demanded the sum would be increased to at least \$900, about one fifth of the annual profits of the company. About \$5,000 was realized by the road each year, while they had a bonded indebtedness of about half a million of dollars.

Mr. Bryant spoke in favor of passing a law in accordance with the wishes of the petitioners, and Mr. Burke cited an instance where a man, his wife and child barely escaped being crushed to death at the Prince street crossing.

Mr. Leadbeater finally withdrew the petition, with the understanding that he would present it to the incoming board.

Mr. Strauss here arose and said, as the oldest member of the Board of Aldermen, it was incumbent upon him to express the regrets of the Aldermen at the retirement of its able and courteous President, and offered a resolution of thanks to the retiring officer, which was passed.

Mr. Downham made some fitting remarks in reply to the complimentary remarks of Mr. Strauss, and also thanked the members for the resolution they had passed. He said he had been a member of the Board of Aldermen for about sixteen years, and during that period had endeavored to do his duty in every respect. He in one way only regretted that he was about to retire from the board. He was loth to sever himself from such pleasant associates, men whom he had every reason to believe had been more cautious in transacting the city's affairs than in conducting their own business. Everything had been conducted harmoniously; the members had ever shown a disposition to acquiesce cheerfully in the views of the majority; there had been no factions to fight, and he naturally regretted that he was compelled to sever his connection with a body of gentlemen with whom his associations had been so pleasant.

The Treasurer's and Auditor's reports for the fiscal year were then received from the Common Council and their action concurred in; also the ordinance allowing a discount of 10 per cent. on tax bills paid by the 10th of July, and 5 per cent. on those paid by Sept. 1st.

A resolution of thanks to the clerk, J. J. Jamieson, was afterwards passed, and the board adjourned sine die.

## COMMON COUNCIL.

Only one seat was vacant at the closing meeting of the board last night and very much business was transacted.

When the proposal of Mr. Charles Sipple to rent from the city a lot on Wilkes and Alfred streets, held under tax bills by the city came up,

Mr. Capen, the clerk, said that the owner had turned up and he believed that in a few days a disposition of this property would be made and the lot improved.

Mr. Peake thought that meanwhile the city might be getting rent from the property.

Mr. Snowden suggested that it would do no harm for the matter to be laid over a few weeks.

On the application of Messrs. Price and others for a hydrant in the fish market, the supply of water there now being insufficient for cleansing purposes,

Mr. Peake thought that the work ought to be done, and he had spoken to President Wheat about it. Mr. Wheat had said he did not believe the Water Company would be willing to put a plug there, and Mr. Peake thought a hydrant might do.

Mr. Fisher and others suggested that the new hydrant would not do any better than the old hydrant with hose, and the subject was laid over.

Mr. Snowden, from the Finance Committee, informed the board that the committee had had another conference with Mr. Moody as representative of the Virginia Shipbuilding Co., owning the iron works at the foot of Wolfe street. Mr. Moody had asked a delay of tax enforcement till July 12th, and had said that he would recommend to his company to turn the Pioneer Mills over to the city in payment of all taxes up to July 1st, 1887. Unless this was done the taxes would be paid.

Mr. Uhler said that Mr. Moody had promised that if his company did not agree to turn over the Pioneer Mills to the city they would pay the taxes now due. The committee claimed that \$5,100 of taxes were due.

Mr. Sweeney inquired if the company proposed to pay taxes hereafter.

Mr. Uhler said that it was understood that taxes would be paid on all that portion of the ground not occupied by the Norton Shipbuilding Company.

Mr. Snowden, from the Finance Committee, submitted a report of the financial condition of the city, and gave the following summary:

The balance in the treasury May 31, 1886, was \$7,045.13; balance, 1887, \$1,217.50; less this year, \$7,737.63. The receipts from gas works in 1886 were \$5,152.45; receipts, 1887, \$3,036.87; less this year, \$2,115.58. The receipts from the coal wharf in 1886 were \$2,100; receipts, 1887, \$1,050; less this year, \$1,050. The expenses for the year 1887 were \$100,769.88; expenses, 1886, \$87,006. The excess this year, \$13,673.88. There were expended on streets and sewers in 1887, \$16,989.73; expended in 1886, \$4,318.69; excess this year, \$12,671.04. The Fire Department expenses were larger this year than last by \$1,000, police by \$500 and law expenses by \$1,000. Relief Hook and Ladder truck, \$1,400. The receipts this year were \$2,040.01 more than last year, although the receipts from the gas works were \$2,115.58, and coal wharf \$1,050 less. Had the city received the last two sums, as has been the case for the last ten years, the receipts this year would have been greater by about \$5,300, as compared with 1886. This difference was made up, however, by the tax sale, delinquent tax bills and bills compromised, which amounted to \$7,800. The estimate for old tax bills was \$2,500, and there was received in round figures, about \$7,800. The amount expended on streets, as compared with 1886, is within \$1,000 of the excess of the expenses of 1887.

The Committee thought the greatest boon that could be given the city would be a reduction of taxes; but it had been found impossible to do so. As matters now stood the taxes upon a small house are equal to a considerable rent. The extra appropriations and lessened receipts had prevented the reduction of taxes. Mr. Snowden said that for the second time in a long number of years all the city's obligations had been met without the Finance Committee having to negotiate loans and concluded his remarks by speaking in complimentary terms of Messrs. French and Uhler, retiring members of Council, the loss of whose services, he said, both the Finance Committee and Council would feel.

A proposal to erect a tool house in the jail yard having been made,

Mr. Uhler desired to know if this would not be to furnish the prisoners with tools to break out of jail.

It was stated that the place at which it was proposed to put this house was in a portion of the yard to which the prisoners do not have access.

Mr. Corbett said that it now cost the city \$20 a year to store the tools, and an expenditure of \$40 for the tool house would save this.

The appropriation was agreed to.

A resolution of thanks to the president and officers having been adopted,

President Eichberg said: "I thank you gentlemen, for the courtesy shown me from the time I was made your presiding officer, and if my rulings have offended any one of you I hope you will consider that my action has been prompted by no malice, but that I have failed in judgment only. All of us are liable to mistakes, and none infallible. Gentlemen, my official duties as a member of Council are about to cease, and I will soon leave this chair. I have a few more remarks to make. I have been connected with Council off and on for twenty-one years, and I will retire with the satisfaction of a clear conscience, for I have done my duty. Gentlemen, again I thank you." And declaring the board adjourned sine die, the president left the chair.

ARRESTED.—Special Agent Jacobs, of the Pension Office, accompanied by Sheriff Ricketts, of Orange county; United States Marshal Thomas W. Scott and Assistant United States Attorney J. C. Gibson, of the Eastern district of Virginia, arrived in the city last night with Francis Patterson, of Elmira, the man who recently was awarded a pension amounting to \$13,000 on a fraudulent claim; Mrs. Patterson, his wife, and Henry W. Mills, the son of the attorney who represented Patterson's claim, all three having been arrested yesterday at Gordonsville. The arrest of Messrs. Mills and Laddow, with considerable of the money obtained from the Government, was made last week, and at that time it was supposed that "Blind" Patterson was safe in Elmira. The prisoners were taken before U. S. Commissioner J. S. Fowler, where they waived an examination, and on their consenting to go on to Washington officer where they were locked up. When they were searched \$62 and a certificate of deposit for \$2,300 were found on Mrs. Patterson, and \$13 on young Mills. "Blind" Patterson himself did not have a cent. The two were taken to Elmira to-day. Mrs. Patterson has been released, but accompanied her husband to Elmira.

THE REGATTA.—The committee on course of the Old Dominion Boat Club, completed its work yesterday evening. The starting stake is about half way between Jones Point and Rozier's Bluff on the east side of the river, and the finish is at a point directly opposite the boat house, making the course one and one-half miles in length from start to finish. The entire line will be in full view from any point on the river front from Prince street to Jones' Point. If the weather continues as at present, the people of this city will have the pleasure of witnessing the finest exhibition of rowing ever given in the State. The course is sufficiently wide to accommodate any number of boats and there can certainly be no danger of a foul by reason of the boats being crowded too closely together. The Petersburg crew arrived here this evening at 3:25 and the Richmond crew will probably arrive Friday morning at 11:07. The District of Columbia Commissioners have kindly loaned the Old Dominion Boat Club, of this city, one of their police boats, which will be used in keeping the course clear on the occasion of the regatta next Monday.

POLICE REPORT.—Last night was clear and mild with one prisoner at the station house.

The Mayor this morning disposed of the following cases:

Geo. Swansbury, for disorderly conduct, was fined \$2.

Jno. Ball, arrested for disorderly conduct, was fined \$1.

A resident of "Vinegar Hill" charged with disorderly conduct, had his case continued till to-morrow.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.—The closing exercises of the public schools were continued this morning by the dismissal of the pupils of Snowden School (colored boys) for the session. The teachers of the school are J. F. Parker, principal, and W. H. Madella, P. R. Felton, P. H. Lumpkins, E. D. Lyles and N. B. Pinn, assistants. The exercises, which took place at Lee building, consisted of the distribution of the awards and addresses by Superintendent R. L. Carne, ex-Superintendent W. F. Carne, and Revs. H. A. Carroll and Fields Cook, all of whom gave the scholars excellent advice and encouragement, and complimented the teachers and pupils on the advancement they had made during the year. The Superintendent's medal was awarded to John R. Lewis. One of the features of the exercises was the singing by the scholars, led by the teachers.

The closing of Hallowell School (colored girls) will take place to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock at Lee building, which will wind up the schools for this session.

ROUNDING THREE SCORES.—Mr. George Channing Wilde was yesterday sixty years of age, though no one would take him to be more than forty-five, and at eight a number of his press friends met in M. O. Evensen's dining-room and presented him with a Masonic jewel, to be worn on the watch-chain as a reminder of their affection. The speech of the occasion was made by Mr. P. J. Burton, to which Mr. Wilde responded with that fecundity of expression and originality of thought which have made him a reputation as one of the greatest "donators" of the country. This done, at the invitation of Mr. Evensen, the brethren "retired from labor to refreshment," and the general toast was that "George" might live to be a hundred at least.—Richmond Dispatch.

Mr. Wilde has many friends in this city who join in the wish that he may live to be a hundred.]

PERSONAL.—Mrs. John A. Dixon and daughter, of this city, have gone to Albemarle county for a short visit.

Mr. N. E. Yeiser, of Gettysburg, Pa., is in the city on his way through the State on a bicycle.

Mr. J. S. Greene has been tendered an excellent position on the Evansville and Terra Haute Railroad, and will leave here to-morrow for Evansville to enter upon the discharge of his new duties.

Hon. Lewis McKenzie, who has been on a visit to Norfolk and Old Point, returned home to-day.

Miss Janie Dinwiddie, who has been visiting at the residence of Mr. John R. Lambdin, left to-day for her home in Gordonsville.

NOT "BILLY WILLIAMS."—A dispatch from Oakland, Md., says Detective Mattingly, of the Washington police department, was sent there Monday by the State's attorney at Alexandria, to identify the tramp prisoner supposed to be "Billy Williams," the alleged murderer of Policeman Arnold. The officer said he knew "Billy Williams" well, and after seeing the prisoner, said he was not the man wanted, and said further that he had no knowledge whatever of the tramp, and that so far he knew the man was not known to the department. The tramp was committed by Police Justice Gender for ten days under the tramp ordinance of the town. His term will expire on Thursday morning, when he will be discharged from custody.

THE ARROW STEAMSHIP COMPANY.—It is learned that negotiations are now in progress in New York for the sale in a block of the stock not already taken in the Arrow Steamship Company, but that whatever may be the nature of the "deal," neither Alexandria's interest nor the interest of the present officers of the company will be affected. The officers of the company now in the city say the Potomacans certainly will be built, and be built in Alexandria.

GLYMONT COMPANY.—At a meeting held in Washington on Monday night, of the board of directors of the Glymont Steamboat Co., Mr. Jesse B. Wilson tendered his resignation, and Mr. Robert Callahan was elected to fill the vacancy, with Mr. G. L. Sheriff as president. It is the purpose to run regular evening excursions to Glymont during the season, the boat being for charter for day excursions.

THE HAY SCALES CASE.—The case of E. S. Fleming and wife vs. the City Council of Alexandria will be submitted to Judge Keith, in vacation, for his decision. This is what is known as the hay scales case, which involves the right of the city to place their scales in Sharp Ship alley, and has been pending in the Circuit Court for some years. Counsel for both parties will submit written arguments.

FUNERAL ESCORT.—The remains of the late Rev. J. D. Blackwell, D. D., of the Monumental M. E. Church, of Portsmouth, arrived here from Norfolk this morning, and were taken to Warrington, the old home of the deceased, for interment. They were accompanied by Thos. Scott, Wm. Dyson, Jno. S. Jenkins, Jno. T. Owens, Jno. H. Hall and Rev. Wm. E. Jenkins, presiding elder.

HOSPITAL TREATMENT OF SEAMEN.—Contracts have been awarded for the care of seamen under the Marine Hospital Service throughout the country. For the port of Georgetown, the contract is awarded to the Providence Hospital to treat patients at 75 cents per day. For the port of Alexandria, the contract is awarded to the Alexandria Infirmary at 90 cents per day.

TIME EXTENDED.—By the action of Council last night the time of saving the 10 per cent. discount on corporation tax bills has been extended to July 10th. This will give the new collectors time to prepare the tax bills and be ready to receive the taxes by the 1st prox.

THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY PROFESSORS.—The distribution of duties among the seminary professors since the additions to the faculty is materially changed. The Rev. J. Packard, D. D., dean, continues to be professor of the English Bible; the Rev. C. Walker, D. D., retains Systematic Divinity and Homiletics, with the division of Liturgies, and the Rev. Kinloch Nelson, D. D., will, as heretofore, have Ecclesiastical History, Pastoral Theology and Church Polity. The Rev. J. J. McElhinney, D. D., will continue connected with the seminary as professor emeritus and librarian, and his late subjects, with one or more of those of Dr. Walker and Nelson, be assigned to the new professors. The Rev. Angus Crawford will be professor of Hebrew, Old Testament Literature, and Apologetics, and the Rev. Carl E. Grammer, of Greek, New Testament Literature, and Canon Law.

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## LOCAL BREVITIES.

The Alexandria Light Infantry are now drilling twice a week.

Fort Myer is being rapidly put in readiness for the cavalry garrison.

City Treasurer Harlow gives notice that the interest due on the corporation debt will be paid on and after Friday next.

Fourteen cars loaded with watermelons passed through the city to-day, from Georgia, via the V. M. road, for the northern markets.

The stock in the Alexandria canal owned by the State will be sold at public auction in this city to-morrow.

Messrs. J. M. White and Geo. McBurney have given the contract for building two comfortable brick dwellings on Washington street, between Duke and Wolf, to Mr. Alexander Lyles.

Wm. P. Powell was yesterday reappointed by the District Commissioners Superintendent of the Public Schools of the District of Columbia for two years from July 1.

Marriage licenses were issued in Washington yesterday to Walter P. Nane, of that city, and Minnie McGarity, of Fairfax county, and to Richard Taylor, of Washington, and Sarah Ferguson, of Caroline county.

Mr. George H. Hopkins yesterday bought of Mr. E. C. Joyce the half of the lot on the north side of King street, between Patrick and Henry, for \$650. Mr. Hopkins will commence the erection of a handsome brick dwelling thereon at once.

Messrs. Aitcheson & Bro., of this city, have received the contract from the National Brick Company at Waterloo station to furnish the lumber and fittings for forty houses; it will require about 250,000 feet of lumber to complete the contract.

A dispatch was received here yesterday evening announcing the death at Chester, Pa., of Mr. James Taylor, sr., a well-known plasterer, formerly of this city.

Mr. W. H. Thaler has just opened a saloon opposite the GAZETTE office, where he keeps the best brands of liquors of all kinds, cigars, &c. Mr. Thaler is a popular young man of this city, and will doubtless succeed.

U. S. Marshal T. W. Scott was in the city to-day and served a notice upon Gen. J. N. Balthuse, of Fauquier, of a levy for counsel's fees in favor of J. H. Hildreth, of New York, in the Blind Tom case.

An institute of Fairfax county teachers, conducted by County Superintendent M. B. Hall, began at the Court House of that county on Monday last and will continue in session till Friday. About sixty teachers are in attendance.

The Alexandria Musical Association will hold a special meeting to-night.

The bill requiring the houses of the city to be numbered by the decimal system was passed by Council last night.

COURT ITEMS.—Judge D. M. Chichester held a short session of the county court to-day. H. H. Hatch qualified as road surveyor for Jefferson district.

A motion by counsel for R. W. Johnston for a suspension for ten days of the execution of the order of court sustaining the petition of H. H. Young in the contested election case of Johnston vs. Young, was overruled and Young qualified as county clerk and gave bond.

Court then adjourned till court in course.

Judge James Keith held a session of the Circuit Court for the county to-day. Several decrees were entered but most of the time was occupied in hearing the habeas corpus case of Wm. Gorham to obtain possession of his sixteen year old daughter, Madi Gorham, held by Mrs. Amelia Heath. The case was dismissed and the child re-manded to the custody of Mrs. Heath. The evidence showed that the child was being well cared for, and there was nothing to substantiate the report that she was held for improper purposes by Wm. Payne, the nephew of Mrs. Heath.

Three large cotton mills at Manville, R. I., have shut down indefinitely on account of the weavers' strike. The operatives, who number 2,000, are mostly French Canadians, and are fast leaving the village.

Capt. Jas. Barron Hope, of the Norfolk Landmark, is quite ill.

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